18.11.2005 subject to fulfilment of stipulated conditions by the State Government.

Commissions/Committees on rail accidents

*42. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up a special commission/committee to find out the reasons/causes of rail accidents;

(b) if so, the total number of such Commissions/Committees set up by Government during the last three months, month-wise; and

(c) when the reports of the Commissions/Committees are expected to be received by Government?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During the last three months no special commission/committee has been set up to find out reasons/causes of rail accidents nor any decision been taken to appoint any such commission/committee.

(c) Does not arise.

Relaxation of Coastal Zonal Regulation

*43. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sought the relaxation of Coastal Zonal Regulation, 1991 for some areas in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the names of such areas;

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto; and

(d) the reasons for not accepting the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For undertaking developmental activities in several areas of Greater Mumbai and Navi Mumbai, the State Government of Maharashtra has been seeking relaxations of the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 and Coastal Zone Management Plan of Maharashtra from time to time. These include:

(i) Construction of Western Freeway Sea Link from Worli-Bandra to Nariman.

(ii) Development of five housing schemes by Maharashtra Housing and Development Authority (MHADA) at Charkop-Kandivli Part-IV, Versova Survey No.120, Andheri (West, Phase-I), Malwani-Malad (West), Survey No.263, Gorai (Phase-III), Mulund (East) Survey No.386 (Phase-I).

(iii) Construction of Trans Harbour Sea Link from Sewree to Nhava Sheva.

(iv) Increase in Floor Space Index (FSI) for undertaking the project pertaining to Rehabilitation of slums and dilapidated structures in several areas of Mumbai.

(v) Development of open spaces in Mumbai.

(vi) Development of missing link roads.

(vii) Dumping of municipal solid waste in Coastal Regulation Zone area.

(viii) Reduction of buffer zone along mangroves.

(ix) Permitting agriculture in Kharland area falling in inter-tidal areas.

(c) and (d) No relaxations have been given. However, necessary statutory clearances/approvals have been given, under the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 and its subsequent amendments in respect of all proposals except for Sl. Nos. (iv), (vi) and (vii) above. These could not be agreed to as the proposed activities are not permissible under the existing provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991.